

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Alaska Native Brotherhood Sitka Camp #1****Project Title:**

Alaska Native Brotherhood Sitka Camp #1 - Sitka ANB Hall Renovation

State Funding Requested: \$ 50,000**House District: 2 - A**

Future Funding May Be Requested

Brief Project Description:

Structural and electrical renovations to Sitka ANB Hall; including repairs to roof, floor, and foundation.

Funding Plan:**Total Cost of Project: \$50,000**Funding Secured*Amount FY*Other Pending Requests*Amount FY*Anticipated Future Need*Amount FY*

There is no other funding needed

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

Item is \$50,000 for repairs to the Alaska Native Brotherhood (ANB) Hall in Sitka. The ANB facility was constructed in 1912, and is in need of overall structural maintenance. This includes repairs to the roof, foundation, and electrical system. As the first ANB Hall established, the facility is a historic asset to the native community, and serves as the location for numerous cultural and educational activities for residents. This funding will provide necessary repairs to the facility and help ensure the ANB Hall's place as a safe community center in the future.

Project Timeline:

FY09

Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:

Alaska Native Brotherhood Sitka Camp #1 or Designee

Grant Recipient Contact Information:

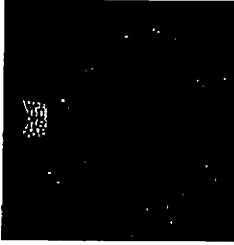
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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? ☐ Yes ☒ No



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March 23, 2008

Honorable Senator Bert Stedman
50 Front Street, Suite 203
Ketchikan, Alaska 99901

Dear Senator Stedman,

Thank you for including the Sitka Alaska Native Brotherhood (ANB) Hall for consideration of the supplemental budget. I understand, as part of the process, some information would be helpful. Please accept the following information.

Because of the age of the Sitka ANB Hall, there are numerous projects that could be accomplished with the capital funding considered by the Alaska Legislature. Some projects include a replacement of roof, replace furnace, replace electrical system, replace floor, replace kitchen and replacement of the piling system for a solid foundation underneath the building.

With the capital funding, in order to address one project we would select either replacement of the roof, or replace the furnace. The project would be selected after there is a decision on the funding. Once we have received official word that the funding for the Sitka ANB Hall is funded, and then the officers and membership will meet to select which project will be worked on.

I will outline project timelines, but first wanted to share with you some information about the Sitka ANB Hall. Senator, being from Sitka you is familiar with the following; however there may be others outside of your office that may not be as familiar. Please feel free to share this information for both those who are familiar and those not familiar with the Sitka ANB.

The ANB was founded in 1912, from people out of Sitka. The first community to have a local ANB Camp was in Sitka, with the first Hall built in Sitka in 1914. This building is still standing, where the capital funding is requested for. The ANB, initially from Sitka, later joined by many communities with their own local Camps as well as its "partner organization" the Alaska Native Sisterhood", were successful in addressing many ills that plagued our society over its initiation as an organization till now. You are familiar with a

person known as Elizabeth Peratrovich, however there were numerous other efforts that may not be as well known but still vitally important accomplishments such as initiating the Land Claims suit that ended as the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA), lobbied Congress to establish Tribal governments in Alaska and ended segregated schools in Alaska.

There are many, many other successes of the ANB and ANS. However, for the purposes of this letter I wanted to identify a few other items that may apply to successful consideration of capital improvement to our important building.

While there are a number of successes identified already, we wanted to say there are a number of events that happen throughout the year, each year that continue to make the Sitka ANB Hall a vital building today. To note, the Sitka Native Education Program (SNEP) teaches their programs out of the Sitka ANB Hall throughout the school year. SNEP teaches children within the Sitka School District the Tlingit dances, regalia and some Tlingit language. SNEP also has a tutoring program to support the Sitka School District's primary education curriculum. In addition, there are numerous other programs such as, the ANB hosts the SSD Board meeting once a year, hosts and provides the Education Reception for all educators once each year. Hosts and provides an Elizabeth Peratrovich Day celebration each year. Hosts and provides events such as the Sitka ANB Founders Day. The ANB Hall is made available to funerals throughout the year. It is also often requested to be used for traditional Tlingit memorial services (potlaches). It is also requested by numerous organizations around the community to have fundraisers, such as the Sitkans Against Family Violence (SAFV). The Hall is also utilized to host conferences on safety, community wellness and safety.

As you see, there are people from all walks, race, color and creed that utilize the Sitka ANB Hall throughout the year. It includes the youth, primarily for education and culture. It also includes the elderly, primarily through the Tlingit culture in memorial programs, but also events throughout the year as well.

From previous discussions you already are aware, but to reemphasize, the Sitka ANB Hall is on the federal register as a Historical Site. It continues to be a vital place in the Sitka community, as well as to many other people around southeast Alaska because so many things happened throughout Alaska history that affected the rest of Alaska - over the last century - that it means a lot to those both in Sitka and around southeast Alaska.

With regard to the projects to consider.

If I may, give you both timelines for each project.

➤ Replacement of the roof.

- 1) Officers and membership to meet by May 1st.
- 2) Project out to bid by June 15th.
- 3) Select contractor from bids by July 15th.
- 4) Begin project by August 5th.

5) Finish project by September 1st.

➤ Replacement of the furnace.

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- 4) Begin project by August 5th.
- 5) Finish project by August 20th.

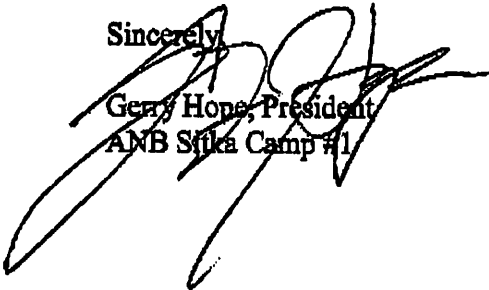
I hope this may help for a positive result in consideration of capital funding for the Sitka ANB Hall from the legislature and the Governor.

If there is anything I can do please do not hesitate to contact, either at my home phone 907-747-4729, cell phone @ 907-738-3377 or by email at ghopeone@gmail.com

Thank you very much for all you effort and thoughtfulness to include the Sitka ANB Hall as a consideration for capital improvements from the legislature.

Sincerely,

Gerry Hone, President
ANB Sitka Camp #1

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, likely belonging to Gerry Hone, is written over the typed name and title.